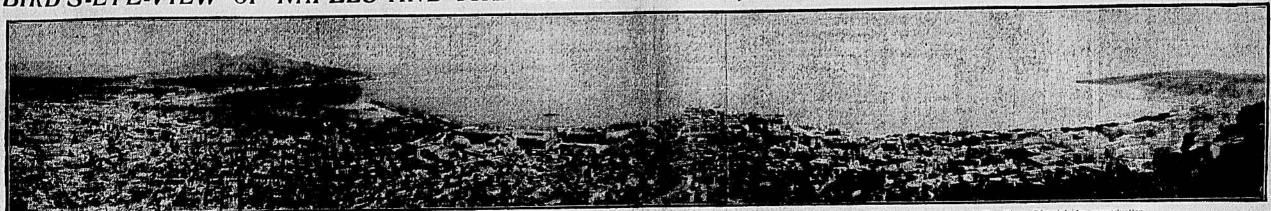
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BIRD'S-EYE-VIEW OF NAPLES AND THE BAY OF NAPLES, WITH MT. VESUVIUS IN THE DISTANCE



HAD AGREEMENT ON TOWNAGE AND

Admissions Made by Mr. Searles Before the Commission.

ASKED LOWER RATES **BUT NOT ALLOWED**

Shown That the Norfolk and Western Wanted to Ship Coal For Less Than it Had Under Motion of Mr. Searles to Charge-Presses Embarrassing Questions.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., April 11.-De relopments at to-day's hearing before the Interstate Commerce Commission to d roads are interested in coal and oil which ther confirmed and emphasized the start ling facts brought out by the testimony through two so-called statistical bureaus, all the railroads leading cost from the s fields are lengued together control absolutely all the Tidewater and line shipments of coal.

first witness of the day was W The first witness of the day was W. W. Atterbury, general manager of the Pennsylvania Radiroad, who brought with him the papers and documents which had been requested by William A. Glasgow, Jr., attorney for the commission, at the hearing the day before. His testinony was directed to explaining how he could treat a coal company fairly in matter of percentage when no record ts actual tonnage was kept.

Mr. Searles' Memory.

ularly with those having to do with rafficage," said Mr. Glasgow, "has

Then picase demonstrate it

Glasgow.

Mr. Glasgow's questioning was most insistent, and he finally succeeded in wringing from Mr. Searles demaging admissions of the workings of the associations.

reading from the minutes of the By reading from England Associa-tions, it was conclusively shown that it was the avowed purpose of the associa-tions to agree on a schedule of rates as

tions, it was conclusively shown that it was the avowed purpose of the associations to agree on a schedule of rates as well as a percentage of tonnage.

In March of each year the rates were determined for the ensuing year, beginning April 1st. In March, 1805, it was brought out, the words "had agreed," in speaking of the rates, had been changed to "individually announce,"

Asked to explain the change, Mr. Scarles, in an inadvertent moment, sa'd: "Perhaps it was less strong," But when this remark was quickly caught up by Mr. Glasgow and a further explanation demanded, he said; "I don't know as it makes any particular difference what word was used. The purpose was the same any way."

"You mean the only change was in the wording, no, in the meaning," said Commissioner Prouty.

Going further into the chango-of names, Mr. Glasgow asked why Passmore's title was changed from that of commissioner to that of statistician, and Mr. Scarles replied: "Commission was such a common name; it could mean anythins."

"I see," said Mr. Glasgow, "you wanted a more high-toned name. Did not the fact that several count make the name unpleasant?"

"That might have had something to do

"That might have had something to do with it," was the reply.

THE RATES FIXED BY ASSOCIATION

(By Associated Press.)

PHILADELPHIA, PA., April 11,-That rates are fixed by the "traffic associa-

that this organization not only fixed the percentiage of tonnage allotted to each railroad, but also establishes the rates. Counsil for the commission produced the minutes of a meeting of the Tidewater Bituminous Steam Coal Traffic Association, held on September 19, 1900. The records show that a resolution offered by the Norfolk and Western Company, committing that company and the Chesand Western Railroad complained interests were being injured by ifferentials in freight rates.

Mr. Searles admitted that there had Mr. Hearies administration of the tonnage to been an agreement as to the tonnage to be allowed each road, and that if one road shipped more and another less, a settlement was made. He said that there had been no settlements since 1896. In explaining the establishment of rates, Mr. Searies stated that each company fixed its price, which was later agreed to by the members of the association. If any commany should reduce the rate any company should reduce the rate, said, it would demoralize the general he said, it would demoralize the general situation. Mr. Searles denied that there was an understanding to maintain rates between all-rail and all-water associations for the purpose of preventing competion. It, was shown by the records that the rates on soft coal were increased in 1900. Since then there has been no change. Mr. Searles denied also that the

MINERS ACCEPT **COMMISSION PLAN**

Have Completed Their Reply Which, it is Thought, Embraces This Feature.

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, April 11.-After having the counter arbitration plan of the annearly all day, the general Scale Commilitee of the hard coal miners completed the draft of their reply and will present it to the committee of mine owners at the joint session to be held here to-

If this proposition is accepted it would leave the commission free to take up the demand for an increase in wages, an eight-hour day, uniform pay for all classes of employment paid by the day or months, reconstruction of the conciliation board and a number of minor grievances. The operators want to limit the inquiry to wages and a method for the adjustment of complaints.

Democrats in Congress Favor Either Him or William Randolph Hearst.

THE SENTIMENT IS GROWING

Conservative Element in Party Want Bryant to Be the Next Nomince.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, D. C., April 11.-There s no plainer fact apparent in Washington these days than that the Democratic leaders who domicile themselves in the National Capital during the session of Congress, as members of one or other branch of the National Legislature, bebranch of the National Legislature, be-lieve alimost to a man that William J. Bryan should be the nominee of the Democrats at the National Convention of 1998-that is, those who do not want to see William R. Hearst nominated. And no less plain is the fact that the great mass of the Democratic mem-

main question—the "paramount issue," if you will, of the combig campaign and of that which will come in 1968.

Events of the past few months, of the past few weeks in the case of platform, have brought about the stage of sentiment which I have indicated. When Mr. Hearst was first taken savingth to the

Hearst was first taken seriously by his campaign for the democratic nomina tion, the more far-sighted among the Democrats were conscious of a forebod ing that Mr. Bryan should be looked to to save the party and the country Much of the strength of the Bryan sen

Bryan Sentiment Growing

The very large vote Mr. Hearst received when he ran for the mayoralty of Greater New York last fall, startled the Democrats and set them to thinking of Bryan more than ever. Mr. Hearst'a vote was much larger than anybody thought it would be, and there are some Democrats even who say that a fair

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WOULD PASS MATTER UP TO MR. T. F. RYAN

Alderman Dabney Thinks New York Man Might Assist in Locating S. A. L. Offices.

Alderman William T. Dalmey, of Madison Ward, believes in going to the fountain head when things of moment are sought to be accomplished, and to this sought to be accomposed, not be a bad idea to invoke the aid of Mr. Thomas F. Ryan, of New York, in the effort Rich-mond is making to get the gameral offices of the Scuboard Air Line located in this

Mr. Dabney thinks that if a strong Mr. Dabney things that it a strong committee should be named from the Chamber of Commerce and other organizations of the city to visit Mr. Ryan he would, out of his natural pride for his nature State, be likely to 'take more than a passing interest in the question, Mr. Ryan is in close touch with Virginia and the record, having been born and regred Ryan is in close touch with Virginia and her people, having been born and reared to young manhood in Nelson county, where he now maintains a splendld country seat. He is a power in Scahoarinatters, and is in a position where he can wield great influence.

The idea advanced by Mr. Dabney is a new one and will no doubt receive consideration at the hands of the Council, the Charmber of Commerce and other or

PHILADELPHIA, PA. April II.—That rates are fixed by the "traffle associations," composed of various coal carrying raffronds, was the admission drawn to-day from raffrond officials at the final hearing of the Interstute Commerce Commission's hivestigation into the alleged aluses of the coal traffle.

Through Joseph B. Searles, coal traffle manager of the Pennsylvania Raffrond Company, who was also chairman of the All Raff Traffle Association, it was learned hearing.

CHAMBER WILL HOLD IMPORTANT MEETING

Dock Question," "Coal Question" and Others Matters of Interest to Be Discussed.

The first quarterly meeting of the Richmond Chamber of Commerce, for the year 1906, will be held this afternoon at 5:30 P. M., in the Assembly Hall of the Chamber.

This is one of the regular genera meetings of the present year, which almembers of the chamber are expected to attend, but several matters of such guramount importance are demanding consideration, that a special meeting this week would have been called had ! not been the time for this stated meet

Among the subjects which will engage the attention of the body upon this oc casion, the following may be mentioned; "The dock question," in reference to which literature has been mailed to each member. "The coal question," in several most

The continues aspects.
The treaty between the United States and Santo Domitingo, now pending before the United States Senate, in which some Richmond interests are deeply con-

Certain movements now in contempla-tion for rendering the work of the cham-ber in the highest negree serviceable andvancing the welfare and progress of

IN LAND CASES

Tribunals at Every Point Regarding Assessment Laws.

No Appeal Can be Taken-Court More Than Three Hundred Men Enters Orders-Written Opinions to Follow.

The Supreme Court of Appeals yester day sustained the city and State in all the land assessment cases, corrected the errors in the legislative act relating to the terms of the Circuit Court of Henrico, and refused to reopen the famous printers' strike cases, in which the strik Here is the brief order entered in the famous land assessment cases:

"Whitlock and others against Haw kins, commissioner. From the Law and Equity Court of the city of Richmond. For reasons stated in writing

mond. For reasons stated in writing and to be filled with the record, the court is of opinion that there is no error in the decree.

"O'Flaherty, substituted trustee, &c., against the Commonwealth. From the Hustings Court of the city of Richmond. For reasons stated in writing and to be filled with the record in the case of Whitlock and als vs. Hawking, commissioner, argued and submitted with this cause, the court is of opinion that there is no error in the judgment, &c.

"Cannon et als vs. Hawkins, commissioner. The same order as above,

Three Distinct

Injunction, appeal and mandamus were the technical terms of the three forms under which the cases arose, and the the technical terms of the three forms under which the cases arose, and the cturt used but a few words in dispensing with each. The tribunal declared emphatically that there had been no error in the findings of the lower courts in either of the first two cases, and with

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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Virginia-Fair Thursday, warmer in north portlon; Friday, fair; light to fresh north to east winds, North Carolina-Fair Thursday and Friday, light to fresh northeast winds.

Conditions Yesterday.

Thermometer This Day Last Year

Conditions in Important Cities.

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April 12, 1905.

Supreme Court Sustains Lower Jefferson Company Decides to Expend Large Sunr on Hotel Interior.

MATTER FOREVER SETTLED BE COMPLETED IN NOVEMBER

Are Rushing Work of Reconstruction.

poard meeting held on yesterday, voter o make a large additional expenditure to be used in decorating the new Jeffer son Hotel. Mr. David Lohenburg, of Norfolk, was

not present at the meeting, he being now Mr. John T. Wilson, the contractor for he new hotel, gave out the following

"I was authorized to-day by Presiden pany, of Cincinnati, decorators, that whom there are none better in this coun

whom there are none better in this country, the contract, amounting to about \$30,000. • be expended in the following portions of the Jefferson Hotel:

"All the large columns and bases supporting the gallery and roof of the main loby to be finished in scrafiole. The columns will be large (three feet in diameter), and will be rich in effect. The face and sofflis of the office enclosure will also be in scarliols.

Scarliols in Rich Design

Scagliola in Rich Design, "The corresponding corner pieces and the gallery fuscia will also be finished in

Written Opinion Later.

Above is the whole story concisely told, though the learned judges stated that later on, they would set out at length the reasons for reaching these conclusions.

They declared that the matter was one of such great public moment that it needed prompt attention, and that their written opinion would follow in due time, Lawyers who were familiar with the cases, and who heard the argument submitted by the attorneys are not at all surprised at the verdict. Indeed, they confidently anticipated that the court would find for the Sinte.

The decision offects the entire new land assessment made in all the cities, and the gallery fuscia will also be seafficial in very rich design.

"The columns in the fore lobby drug store, bar and billard rooms will be keene cement. The side

Completed in November.

The work is being rapidly pushed, there being 325 men now employed there in various capacities, and should be com-pleted by November. The brick work is about to the sixth story level, and the

structural steel roof tier is being put "All material is now at the site fo

the hotel. Fireproof floors have been put in up to the third floor, and plastering is expected to be started not later than the 1st of May. Interfor work will follow shortly thereafter."

THE DEWEY BROKE AWAY;

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BUT UNDER TOW AGAIN
(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 11.—The
dry-dock Dewey broke its tow lines in
the Mediterrunean, off Malta, and drifted
about in a storm for about twenty-three
hours, but is now again in control of
the vessels which are towing it. This
information reached the Navy Department in a dispatch that the Brooklyn remained near the dry-dock when it was
floundering about, and did not leave until
it was safely in tow. A wireless dispatch
received by the Brooklyn after it left
the Dewey Indicated that the dry-dock is
proceeding satisfactorily.

HOPPE DEFEATS CUTLER IN WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, April 11.—By a score of 50 to 382, Willie Hoppe, of this city, wholds the world's championship title for 18-1 billiards, defeated Albert G. Cutter, or 180ston, in the fifth game of the world 18-2 championship tournament at the Mad Son Square Garden Concert Hall to-night Tomorrow afternoon Slosson will pla Morningstar and at nlight Schaefer an Cutler will meet.

ZION'S TROUBLES

Thought That the Entire Controversy May be Adjusted by Conciliation.

CHICAGO, April II .- At the conclusion of a day of conferences between representatives of the opposing interests of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion. the statement was made late to-night that the whole controversy would prob sides to the dispute, according to Attorney Emil C. Wetten, John Alexander

Wetten to-night after a conference with bowie, following Wetten's return from Ken City, where he held a conference with General Overseer Wilbur Glenn and

Proposed Litigation.

petitioning that the transfer of Zion City properties made to Deacon Alexand Granger by General Overseer Wilb

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SCHOONER GOES DOWN AND FOUR OF CREW

The Sallie B. Founders in Storm, Mayor McCarthy Will Take Some and Most of the Men on Her Perish. (By Associated Press.)

BOSTON, April 11.-The Bangor schooner Sallie B, foundered and four of her crew perished off the Maine coast in Tuesday's storm. News of the disaster was brought to this city to-night by the Eastern Line steamer Bay State, from Portland, which rescued Captain

from Portland, which rescued Captain A. L. Hopkins, and one of the crew. The Sailie B. sailed from Port Johnson, N. J., a week ago with a cargo of coal for Bangor. She ran into a snow-storm Monday night and Captain Hopkins tried to make Booth Bay. But the heavy seas opened her seams and the crew was forced to man the pumps. They labored for many hours, but gradually the vessel was flooded and the crew at last launched the boats. All succeeded in getting off. The schooner went down a moment later. Seen afterwards a great wave washed overloard Mate Capbell, Cook Gray and John Campbell. The three were lost. Captain Hopkins and Scanen Mulhain and Natticher saved beinselves by holding on to a thwart. Latter they baled out the boat and headed her into the seas. They suffered intensely from the cold and finally Nativeher's miling gave way. He died a few hours later, hours later.

Meet This Afternoon, Miss Watson will hold a special meeting for young people this evening at 8 o'clock at No. 627 East Broad Str et. Morning 6:57 o'clock at No. 627 East Bro Exemps 7:29 Salvation Army headquarters.

ASKING HELP FOR STRICKEN PEOPLE

Action to Aid Victims of Vesuvius Eruption.

Mayor McCarthy will to-day take some action looking to collecting contributions for the stricken people of the devastated towns at the foot of Mount Vesuvius, Hundreds of thousands of dollars of property has been destroyed and thousands of homeless and but poorly provided for. Efforts for relief are being manusurated in many cities of America.

The Mayor received the appended telegram last night:

New York April 11.

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New York, April II.

Carbon McCarthy, Mayor of Richmond, Va.;
In behalf of the stricken people of southern Italy, the Italians' Relief Committee appeals to you and the people of your city for contributions. Hundreds, perhaps thousands, of lives have been blotted out; populous villages and towns have been overwhelmed by the cruption of Vesavius. The affected are chiefly poor peasants, Many Americans who have witnessed the courage and hard work of these people living at the foot of these mountains of fire will wish to prove their sympathy in practical fashion. We ask you to appoint a committee of citizens in your locality to cooperate with us. Checks can be made payable to William Randolph Hearst, chairman; John Palmeri, John Lordt, Angelo Legniti, Felici Tocci, Augustus Scarboro, Joseph N. Erancolini, Charles Bacigolupe, James F. March, NEW YORK AMERICAN; Captan McCarthy said he would linke such action to-day as it seemed to him the occasion required.

IS LIKE SAHARA

People of Naples Alarmed and Shops and Factories Closed.

LOSS \$20,000,000; 50,000 HOMELESS

Fall of Ashes Diminishes and Scientists Express Belief That Volcano Has Spent Itself. Distress Among the Fugitives Is Appall-

charge of the observatory at Mount Vesuvius, telegraphed from there at 10

clock this morning as follows: "The situation of myself and the grave throughout the night. Up to 8 o'clock this morning the observa tory was enveloped in dense showers show quieter records than yesterday. I shall remain here as long as pos-

but service on the main lines of rallwa has been re-established, although grea

Arrival of the King.

great joy, pspecially when the sovereigns left a hospital after a visit to the wounded there. One poor woman ex-claimed: "I would consent to be wounded for the sake of being kissed by the Others cannot find words in which to

Queen."
Others cannot find words in which to express their grailtude. Both the royal palaces of Cappodimonti and San Fernando have been given up to refugees. Reports of the destruction of two towns, Sarno and San Genarro, the former having a population of more than 8,000, have proved to be without foundation. At Sarno, 5,000 persons from nearby villages and farms have found refuge, Ottajano, where many lives were lost on Monday, is now practically buried.

There is great difficulty in ascertaining the netual condition of affairs in that part of the stricken district nearest the volcano. The train and railway tracks are deep under sand and ashes, the roads are obliterated, and even the fishermen who ply their calling on the Bay of Naples are afraid to venture out on the water gnywhere in the vicinity of Vesuvius. All these conditions make it difficult to give an intelligent estimate of the loss of property. One estimate is that vius. All these conditions make it difficult to give an intelligent estimate of the
loss of property. One estimate is that
\$20,000,000 damage has been done and that
\$20,000,000 hamage has been rendered homeless. Everywhere in Naples and Castellammare and in the lesser towns near by,
out of the danger zone, are beggared refugees, who only a few days ago were
prosperous and happy, though living almost underneath the shadow of that perpetual menace, the volcano, of Mount
Vosuvius. For these people, whose homes
and crops have been destroyed, there is
little consolation in the statement of setentists that ultimately the valleys and
hillsides will become as fertile as ever
they were.

Until communication can be restored
and search made of the houses in the
afflicted district, it will be impossible to
determine how many people have perished
by this cruption.

WORST IS OVER IT NOW SEEMS

(By Associated Press.)
NAPLES, April 11.—Conditions to night
in the section affected by the cruption
of Mount Vesuvius are greatly amelic-